
DIGEST

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SB No. 468

Present law provides requirements for recreational fisherman to keep intact certain body parts of saltwater recreational fish for purposes of validating length requirements and identifying species.

Proposed law provides that no person shall possess any finfish parts, such as filleted fish, while aboard a vessel on the water.

Present law exempts "bait species".

Proposed law removes exemption for "bait species".

Proposed law provides an exception from present law for any legally harvested saltwater recreational finfish being utilized for bait that does not have a size limit and is not in excess of any daily possession limits.

Proposed law provides that king or spanish mackerel, if used for the purposes of bait as long as the carcass is maintained intact with head and tail attached while such parts are in possession about a fishing vessel, for purposes of determining legal size and possession limits. Further provides that such carcasses may be discarded only when no longer utilizing parts for bait.

Proposed law provides that swordfish possessed by a recreational fisherman shall not be skinned until set or put on shore.

Proposed law provides that tuna shall retain the caudal fin intact until set or put on shore, and those species of tuna which have minimum size restrictions may have the head removed as long as the carcass length without the head exceeds the minimum size requirement.

Proposed law provides that any garfish caught or possessed by a recreational fisherman in the saltwater areas of the state may have the head and caudal fin removed but, until the fish is set or put on shore, it shall retain a strip of skin sufficiently to clearly identify the fish.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 56:325.2(A),(B), and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Provides certain possession restrictions on finfish.
3. Provides certain exceptions for fish used as "bait".

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Clarifies the exception for king or spanish mackerel used as bait.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the re-reengrossed bill.

1. Make technical changes